

Irish News.

Antrim.—There has been a noted improvement in the Ballymena linen market, and merchants are anxious to purchase. It is now clearly seen that the production is going to be very small this winter, as the weavers are not in the country, and a good many girls that used to work at the loom have gone out to service.

Carrickfergus half-yearly fair was recently held, at which the following prices were obtained:—First-class springers, £17 to £22 each; second-class, £15 to £16 10s, and third-class, £9 to £13; best beef, 54s to 56s per cwt., and second quality 49s to 52s; three-year old heifers and bullocks, £13 to £15 10s; two-year old, £9 to £11. In the hiring fair ploughmen were engaged at from £7 to £10 10s per half year; boys, £3 to £6; women, £4 to £6 10s, and girls, £3 to £4.

Carlow.—The following are the prices obtained at Carlow fair:—Best beef, 56s; secondary, 46s to 52s per cwt.; mutton, 6d to 7d per lb. The sheep fair was small. Number of cattle at fair, 2,162; sheep, 425.

Clare.—Mr. J. R. Cox, the Member for East Clare, received a beautiful and valuable presentation from some Clare admirers of his in Sydney recently. The presentation included a splendid gold lever keyless watch in hunting-case, with a massive Albert chain of Australian gold, having a New Zealand green-stone pendant set in fine gold attached. The back of the watch inside bears the inscription, artistically engraved:—"Presented to J. R. Cox, Esq., M.P. for East Clare, by a few Clare men in Sydney, N.S.W., as a souvenir of his visit, 1890." There was also a beautiful album, solidly bound in leather with gilt edging and ornamentation, and clasps of heavy solid gold.

The tenant's interest in the farm of Ivyhill, Inch, containing about forty statute acres, held by Thomas Donnellan, from the Dowager Lady Inchiquin, at the yearly rent of £18 10s, was recently disposed of to Mr. Leylan, of Cahermore, for £200.

A search for arms was made at the house of Mrs. Quinlivan, Hempfield, near Clare Castle, recently. A couple of constables made an exhaustive examination of the premises, but without finding either arms or ammunition. This is the second visit of the constabulary to Hempfield.

At the Corcomroe Baronial Sessions recently a resolution was unanimously adopted on the proposition of the O'Donnellan Blake Forster, approving the construction of a line of railway from Willbrook to Lusdonvarna, via Killefennora, thus helping to open up and develop the resources of North-west Clare.

The recent half-yearly fair of Clare Castle was largely supplied with stock, and business was extremely brisk. Top beef fetched about 56s a cwt., and second-class about 50s. Three-year-old bullocks and heifers ranged from £14 to £17; two-year-olds from £11 to £14, and yearlings, or year and a half olds, from £7 10s to £11. Springers ranged from £16 to £19 10s. The sheep fair was fairly well stocked, but business was rather disappointing, and prices ranged from 50s to 57s 6d.

Cork.—Colonel Coppinger, son-in-law of the veteran American statesman, Hon. James G. Blaine, United States Secretary of State, is at present in Ireland, and last week paid a visit to Middleton, of which he is a native.

Mr. Gilhooly, M.P., was visited by Doctors Popham, Bantry, and Shipsey, Sobull, and they found him progressing favourably. No symptoms of a dangerous nature have appeared. The wound is healing rapidly, and the patient's condition generally is much improved, and shows signs of fast returning health. The honourable gentleman had received a terrible kick from a horse.

Derry.—A meeting of the Desertmartin National League was held last week in Inniscarn, John Kelly presiding. A resolution was passed approving of the action of the priests and people of Gweedore; also, one demanding the release of John Daly and the other political prisoners confined in Chatham Prison, England.

Donegal.—On the journey home from the scene of the Falcarragh evictions, the vehicle of Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell was upset and himself and five clergymen were flung to the ground. Fortunately, none of the party was injured.

Meetings called for the purpose of denouncing the evictions on the Oiphert estate were held in Letterkenny and Derrybeg. The attendance in each case was large. Patrick Doherty presided at first-mentioned. Several English visitors were present and addressed the people.

During the most inclement season experienced in Falcarragh for many years the cruel evictions were continued last week, and great numbers of English visitors have witnessed the affecting sights. A tenant named Darby Curran was lying in a delirious fever on a few sacks in the hovel, while the doctor, the agent, and the sheriff discussed his fate. He was born in 1785, three years after the independence of Ireland had been established by Grattan and the Volunteers. He was fifteen when the Union was carried, eighteen when Robert Emmet was hanged, thirty-four in the year of Catholic Emancipation, sixty-two during the awful famine of '46 and '47, and having spent a century on the Donegal hills, is evicted at the age of 105 years by Wybrants Oiphert. What an ending to such a life!

Down.—One of the severest rain-storms ever experienced in Newry or district prevailed recently. Several of the low-lying parts of the town were completely flooded to a depth of several feet. In the Tunnel Boat street, in Bell's Row, off Monaghan street, and Upper Edward street, and in the vicinity of the railway station, the people had to abandon their dwellings.

Dublin.—The historic old "Flannel Hall" at Rathdrum was burned to the ground recently. It was a quadrangular building, each side 150 feet externally, with a courtyard in the centre. It was built in 1793 as a woollen factory, which it soon ceased to be, and was the scene of some memorable incidents during the rebellion of 1798.

Kerry.—At the meeting of the Killarney Board of Guardians recently, J. D. Sheehan in the chair, a large deputation of distressed labourers from Aghish was in attendance for the purpose of laying their grievances before the Guardians and requesting the initiation of relief works so as to give employment. Resolutions were passed by the Board calling on the ratepayers and the Government to provide employment for the people.

Kildare.—Rev. P. Bolger, Edenderry, late of Carragh, has received articles of clothing from Mrs. C. J. Thomas, Pesarth, South Wales, for distribution among the evicted tenants of Clongorey.

A meeting of the Naas Labour Union was held in the Town Hall, Michael Walsh presiding. It was decided to inquire into the position of the different trade organisations, so as to discover the value of membership in case of emigration, the result to be reported to a special meeting.

John Dowling was evicted from his holding at Slakestown, near Hollywood, held from Mr. Hornidge, at a rent of £18 a year; the valuation being £15 15s. Thirty-two cocks of hay had been seized some time before under a warrant of distress. The place was barricaded. The emergency men broke in the door and took possession. In the excitement of the rush into the house, the agent, Verschoyle, was knocked down in the mud and his nose and mouth cut.

An enthusiastic meeting in support of the Tenants' Defence Association was held in Rathcool on Sunday. There was a very large attendance of Nationalists of the Counties Dublin and Kildare, deputations coming upwards of ten miles to take part in the demonstration. The Phoenix Brewery Brass Band from Dublin, and the Celbridge Fife and Drum Band, enlivened the proceedings by a splendid selection of patriotic airs. Father Walsh presided. A good sum was subscribed.

Kilkenny.—The potato crop along the hills in the coal district of Kilkenny is an entire failure, and it is expected that the small farmers and labourers will experience much difficulty in the spring in providing seed.

King's County.—The annual meeting of the King's County Branch of the Irish Landowners' Convention was held in Dooly's Hotel, Parsonstown. There was no interest manifested in the proceedings.

Parsonstown November pig fair was moderately stocked and business fairly brisk, though few outside buyers attended. The prices ranged from 32s to 42s a cwt for pigs; bonhams 10s to 14s apiece. The supply of cattle, sheep, and horses at the new fair, considering that it was one of the new fixtures was good. Stores were in demand and went up to £15; yearlings, from £6 to £8; two-year-olds, £10 to £12; beef from 45s to 56s a cwt; hoggets, 30s to 35s.

Limerick.—The tenants on the Atkinson estate at Balliniska have been granted a reduction of fifteen and twenty per cent. on judicial and non-judicial rents respectively and are paying their rents.

The employees of the Limerick Steamship Company having struck for an increase of wages non-union men were introduced, but the men on the Limerick Railway have struck against handling the stuff worked by the non-unionists.

Brother Goode of the Christian Schools, Sexton street, Limerick, died recently to the great regret of the citizens. After thirty-three years of continuous and arduous labour in the field of intellectual training of youths, who will ever remember him with feelings of love, he died at the age of 52.

Louth.—The loft-men and carters in Dundalk Distillery applied for and were granted an all-round increase of wages. The same class of workmen in the employment of Messrs. Murphy, corn merchants, also obtained an increase.

The Engineers of the Great Northern Railway Company have the surveys of Ardee line completed. They expect to make application to the next Ardee Presentation Sessions on the 15th of December, and bring in a bill next session of Parliament for power to construct the line.

Meath.—The Most Rev. Doctor Nulty, Bishop of Meath, recently visited Mr. McEnery, editor of the Limerick *Leader*, in Tullamore prison. Mr. McEnery, after his long period of incarceration, and the exceptional brutalities inflicted upon him, appeared in good health and spirits.

Queen's County.—An eviction notice was handed in at Mountmellick Union recently at the suit of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College against Myles Conroy and several others for the recovery of possession of the lands of Moneyquid, in the parish of Castlebrack.

The following names are given as the new Luggacurran tenants selected by Mr. Trench:—Mullins, late a steward of Gavin Low; Bell, lately steward of T. Anderson, Levitstown; Kavanaghs (two) who in 1880 were Nationalists, bless the mark. They are from Casleldermot, where they lived by carting turf and other commodities. Joe Porter, whose exploits are known in almost three counties. Ex-Process-server Crawley, from Ballylinan is planted in Mr. Byrne's place. "Plant" Tarleton, who a few years ago surrendered a farm, it was considered, from pecuniary difficulties. Milbourne, who hails from Mountrath district, formerly a loud-mouthed Nationalist. Sythes, who first settled in Fallaghbeg.

Tipperary.—The Bansa and Kilmoyler branches of the League have condemned the action of magistrates, who refused New Tipperary licensees, and will not allow them to hunt over their lands.

The people of Tipperary have resolved to practically recognise the great services rendered to and sacrifices made for the Irish cause, by the editor of *New Tipperary*. A testimonial has been inaugurated for that purpose, which will undoubtedly reflect credit on Tipperary and the recipient.

Tyrene.—The Ulster Navigation Company are about making a canal at Washingbay, three miles from Stewartstown, and a